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Director Glenn:

On behalf of the board, staff, and members of Conservation Alabama, I thank the Environmental Management Commission for the opportunity to sit on the Cancer Risk Advisory Panel and submit answers to the 33 questions asked of the group.

While our organization, one of 18 co-signers of the original 10-6 cancer risk petition, would have much rather seen this process occurring through the formal 125-day rulemaking period, we hope that the answers to these questions will prompt the Commission to enter into formal rulemaking to make this necessary change.

Additionally, despite all the data and information the Commission has received from the petitioners, the public, and now the advisory panel, the fact remains that should the Commission decide to adopt the 10-6 cancer risk standard, then citizens of Alabama will have a reduced exposure to cancer-causing pollutants emitted to Alabama's waters. The choice before the Commission remains one of preference between the current policy that is less protective, or a new standard that is more protective for Alabamians' health.

Several of the petitioning organizations worked together to submit joint comments. Casi Callaway of Mobile Baykeeper will be sending our comprehensive comments to you by Friday's deadline.

Thank you again for the opportunity and taking this issue so seriously.

Sincerely,

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